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SUBJECT: FORMER INTERIOR MINISTER RIGHI POSSIBLE ASYLUM

1. ON MONDAY, SEP 30, WHILE WAITING AT AIRPORT FOR ARRIVAL OF FONMIN VIGNES, UNDER SECRETARY FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC RELATIONS, AMBASSADOR CARLOS CONRADO BECKMANN, TOLD AMBASSADOR HILL THAT ANOTHER FAMILY AND A NEWSMAN HAD GONE TO THE MEXICAN EMBASSY TO REQUEST ASYLUM. BECKMANN SAID HE DID NOT YET KNOW THEIR IDENTITY, HOWEVER. IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS WITH WORKING-LEVEL CONTACTS IN FONMIN, EMBOFF GIVEN IMPRESSION THIS INFORMATION WAS NOT WIDELY KNOWN IN FONMIM.

2. THIS MORNING'S PRESS (OCT 2) CARRIED STORIES SAYING ESTEBAN RIGHI, FORMER MINISTER OF INTERIOR UNDER CAMPORA, HAD ASKED MEXICANS FOR ASYLUM SEVERAL DAYS AGO. LA OPINION'S ACCOUNT OF INCIDENT SAID THAT MEXICAN AMBASSADOR CELSO #. DELGADO HAS PRESENTED NOTE TO PROTOCOL OFFICER REQUESTING GOA RECOGNIZE RIGHI ASYLUM STATUE AND GRANT USUAL SAFE CONDUCT. STORY SAID PROTOCOL HAD REJECTED DELGADO'S NOTE AND SENT IT DIRECTLY TO FONMIN VIGNES FOR DECISION.

3. THIS AFTERNOON FONMINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT SAYING NO REQUEST FOR ASYLUM HAD BEEN RECEIVED FROM MEXICAN EMBASSY. AT SAME TIME AMERICAN NEWSMAN TOLD EMBOFF HE WAS CHECKING
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OUT STORY THAT RIGHI AND FAMILY ALREADY IN MEXICO.

4. WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LIGHT EMBASSY MEXICO CAN SHED ON
MATTER FROM THAT END.
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